

ROBERT M. GATES' STATEMENT ON WITHDRAWAL OF DCI NOMINATION

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Mr. Gates wants to make clear that no one asked him to withdraw his nomination. The President never waived in his support. Mr. Gates advised Mr. Baker of his intention to request withdrawal of the nomination at their meeting this morning.

Mr. Gates considers it imperative that the nation get on with its business; he believes that would not have been possible while the nomination was pending.

The President has asked him to stay on as DDCI. Mr. Gates intends to do so.